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## Did you know...?

- More than 70% of high school students go to schools with more than 1,000 students.
- Only 35% of Hispanic high school seniors are enrolled in college-preparatory programs, compared with 50% of non-Hispanic white students.
- 30% of college freshmen don't make it to sophomore year, and less than 50% receive college degrees.

From the National High School Alliance website

## Alliance News & Notes

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## Upcoming Events

## Student Summits

Commissioner Wilhoit issued an invitation to all Superintendents in the Commonwealth encouraging districts to send representatives to the first in a series of High School Summits. The design of the summits is to engage middle and high school students in discussion around the issues associated with high school reform. Sessions are scheduled for the students and for the adults accompanying them. Lunch is provided for participants. We have over 200 confirmed registrations for the first two summits scheduled next week. There is still time to register for one of the three remaining summit dates.

November 7<sup>th</sup> Shepherdsville  
Paroquet Springs Conference Center  
Registration closes November 1st

November 9<sup>th</sup> Erlanger  
NKU METS Center  
Registration closes November 3rd

November 21<sup>st</sup> Murray  
Murray State University  
Registration closes November 11th

Each Summit begins registration at 7:45 AM and the first general session meeting will begin promptly at 8:30 AM (local time). We will adjourn each day by 3:15 pm.

Questions? Feel free to call Debbie Powers or Tommy Floyd in the Secondary Branch. Their contact information is listed in this newsletter.

## Alliance Regional Meetings

### Regional Meeting Dates and Locations

November 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Murray State University
December 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Morehead State University
December 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabethtown KCTCS Campus
December 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup>	Shelby County Extension Office
December 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>	Somerset KCTCS Campus

Registration materials will be forthcoming. Please "save the

## Favorite Links

- [International Center for Leadership in Education](#)
- [School Redesign Network](#)
- [Soundout.org](#)
- [WhatKidsCanDo.org](#)
- [Successful Practices Network](#)
- [CATS Results from KDE](#)
- [Business Forum on Kentucky Education Report](#)
- [Prichard Committee Report](#)
- [Kentucky Department of Education Homepage](#)
- [High Schools That Work](#)

## Stories from the World Wide Web

### From the eSchool News website

#### Kentucky offering refurbished PCs to students

Some low-income eighth-graders throughout Kentucky soon will get used personal computers through a program that teams the Kentucky state government with Microsoft and Lexmark.

The state soon will begin delivering 500 of its refurbished computers to students to use at home as part of a program called "No Child Left Offline." It's part of a state effort to promote computer and broadband internet use, said Mil Inman, Kentucky's commissioner of technology.

[Click here for full story](#)

### From the USA Today website

#### Program for military career-changers a boon to classrooms

date" to the regional meeting closest to your location. The Secondary Branch is looking forward to seeing everyone at these meetings. Remember, the first date mentioned is an evening meeting is for community members, business leaders, school board members and the like while the second date is a morning meeting providing technical assistance to our member schools.

### **Math Summit- Diagnostic Assessment with a focus on key standards in Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II**

Information has already been released to every Kentucky high school concerning participation in the statewide Math Summit being held on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-4:00 pm at the Holiday Inn University Plaza, Bowling Green. Each school district has been invited to send one district level registrant and one representative from each high school and one middle school.

Registration is provided through this link: [Math Summit](#)

Registration Deadline: November 1

Not only has the six-year-old Troops to Teachers program given military veterans new careers in education, it's placed a high percentage of men in secondary classrooms where male role models are needed most. The latest data from the National Center for Education Statistics indicate most students planning to attend college lack even the most basic math skills.

[Click here for full story](#)

### **From the National High School Alliance Website**

#### **Focus on High School from Education Development Center**

The Fall 2005 issue of *Mosaic*, EDC's report series, focuses on high school issues. EDC researchers, curriculum developers, and professional development experts discuss five initiatives that cultivate both the intellectual and social development of students, build in relevance and connectedness, and bring teachers together to learn new content and skills.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Alliance Schools are forging ahead in Kentucky...read on!

### **Collegiate High School Earns National Grant and Recognition as Kentucky's First Early College High School**

Collegiate High School, collaboration between OPS and Owensboro Community and Technical College, proudly opened its doors this semester as Kentucky's first early college high school. A \$128,000 grant from the Middle College National Consortium puts CHS in elite company with 67 other early college high schools in the U.S. The early college initiative is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Ford Foundation, and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The mission is to link all students to some form of college-level learning while enrolled in high school. In today's world all young people need some form of postsecondary education. Paul Coomes, a professor at the University of Louisville estimates the value in lifetime earnings of an associate degree to be around \$250,000 more than a high school diploma only.

The early college high school designation means that Collegiate High will create a seamless, blended high school and college program beginning in grade 9 providing students with experiences, support, and opportunities to complete the requirements for a high school diploma and an associate degree at no cost to the students within five or fewer years of starting high school. Students can take advantage of sports, fine arts, and other high school programs at nearby Owensboro High School.

The early college movement is an outgrowth of the middle college model, which originated in 1974 at LaGuardia Community College in New York City. The approach advocates coupling rigorous instruction with intensive support. The educational program at Collegiate High School includes a project-centered interdisciplinary approach with emphasis on literacy and mathematics competencies to prepare students for college-level work. The curriculum also includes a career internship and community service component required for high school graduation.

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For more information about Collegiate High School visit <http://www.octc.kctcs.edu/collegiatehigh/>

To learn more about the national Early College High School Initiative visit <http://www.earlycolleges.org/>

### **Contact Information**

We have an entire team "and then some" at KDE devoted to Secondary Education, including middle level programming. Please do not hesitate to contact us regarding secondary issues. Our division is located within the Office of Teaching and Learning with most of us located on the 19<sup>th</sup> floor of the Capital Plaza Tower.

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